



Featherston Community Board

Minutes – 21 November 2017

- Present:** Brenda West (Chair), Claire Bleakley, Cr Dayle Harwood, Cr Colin Olds and Robyn Ramsden.
- In Attendance:** Mayor Viv Napier, Paul Crimp (Chief Executive) and Suzanne Clark (Committee Secretary).
- Conduct of Business:** The meeting was held in Kiwi Hall, 62 Bell Street, Featherston. The meeting was conducted in public between 7:00pm and 10:45pm.
- External Speakers:** Roz Harding, Alan King (Cross Creek Railway), Mary Byrne, Jo Dean (Zero-waste Coordinator), Kara Pennington and Tracey Shepherd (Fab Feathy), Leslie Austin, Maree Patten and Pam Coltham (Kuranui College), Mark Owen (NZTA).

PUBLIC BUSINESS

1. APOLOGIES

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2017/76) to receive apologies from Mark Shepherd.

(Moved Cr Harwood/Seconded Ramsden)

Carried

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were declared.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

3.1 Roz Harding and Alan King (Cross Creek Railway)

Ms Harding with support from Mr King requested Community Board support for the Society to purchase and then install a portable mini putt course beside their engine shed on Fox Street. Fencing would be in keeping with the Clifford Square fence but built to a greater height.

3.2 Mary Byrne

Ms Byrne outlined a new U.S. government funded study that found that children birthed to women who had been exposed to fluoride during pregnancy had a 5 point lower IQ than the average population. Ms Byrne requested that the Community Board seek to revoke the 2015 Council remit on fluoridation submitted to Local Government NZ in 2015.

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3.3 Jo Dean, Zero-waste Coordinator

Ms Dean introduced herself and her community engagement role. Ms Dean would be engaging and educating the community in an effort to reduce waste going to landfills. A waste minimisation survey was currently open for community feedback.

3.4 Kara Pennington and Tracey Shepherd (Fab Feathy)

Ms Pennington with support from Mrs Shepherd outlined a community led development arrangement between Fab Feathy and the Department of Internal Affairs. Fab Feathy was aiming to run a community event and then undertake community identified projects. Fab Feathy wanted to form a positive partnership with Council and the Community Board and invited the Community Board to appoint a representative. Fab Feathy requested in-kind support for use of Council facilities.

3.5 Leslie Austin

Mr Austin noted cars parked illegally across Featherston footpaths which caused mobility issues. Mr Austin spoke of the dangerous pedestrian crossing on Main Street noting inadequate signage, illegal parking and that the crossing may be too close to the railway line to be legal.

3.6 Maree Patten and Pam Coltham (Kuranui College)

Ms Coltham and Ms Patten outlined a social services initiative for a one-stop-shop to be run from Kuranui College for students, and their families. The College had a vision to run the 24-7 youth programme and social workers directly from the school to eliminate barriers to learning. Ms Patten requested a letter of support from the Community Board.

4. ACTIONS FROM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

4.1 Cross Creek Railway

Deferred to agenda item 6.5.

4.2 Mary Byrne

FCB NOTED:

1. Action 680: Write to Mary Byrne, advising her that the Community Board will be waiting to hear from central government on the process and decision for fluoridation and will address concerns at that time; P Crimp

4.3 Waste Minimisation

FCB NOTED:

1. Action 681: Invite Jo Dean to a Community Board workshop in May 2018 to discuss the waste minimisation progress; B West

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4.4 Fab Feathy

The Community Board agreed that Mark Shepherd should provide regular updates from Fab Feathy and be the conduit for Community Board assistance where needed.

4.5 Leslie Austin

Members noted the issues as raised and noted participation later in the meeting by a NZTA representative.

4.6 Kuranui College

FCB NOTED:

1. Action 682: Write a letter of support to Kuranui College for the one-stop-shop initiative; P Crimp

5. COMMUNITY BOARD MINUTES

5.1 Featherston Community Board Minutes – 10 October 2017

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2017/77) that the minutes of the Featherston Community Board meeting held on 10 October 2017 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

(Moved West/Seconded Cr Olds)

Carried

6. CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND STAFF REPORTS

6.1 Officers Report to Community Boards

Mark Owen discussed the Main Street pedestrian crossing with members noting that options such as education, enforcement and engineering all played a role in solving pedestrian visibility. Mr Owen undertook to review the required distance for crossings from railway lines and work with SWDC to review options noting that relocation would be a challenge. Mr Owen discussed works on the Remutaka Hill, the camber of Main Street, speed limit reductions and diverting State Highway 53 with members.

Mr Crimp discussed projected Featherston growth in relation to wastewater capacity, inflow and infiltration and wastewater irrigation restrictions if the water table or winds were high.

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2017/78) to receive the Officers' Report.

(Moved West/Seconded Ramsden)

Carried

6.2 Action Items Report

Members discussed the action items and reinvigorating the Featherston business group evening.

Cr Olds undertook to liaise with Council about replacing broken flag brackets and erection of Christmas flags.

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FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2017/79):

1. To receive the Action Items Report.
(*Moved West/Seconded Cr Harwood*) Carried
2. Action 683: Forward the Regional Transport Committee survey to community boards for submission input when it becomes available; Mayor Napier

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2017/80) that the Featherston Information Centre land line phone should be reconnected, that any reconnection fee would be paid by Cr Olds and that the Featherston Community Board would fund the monthly rental until the 30 June 2018.

(*Moved Cr Olds/Seconded Cr Harwood*) Carried

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2017/81) to fund the erection of the Featherston Christmas flags.

(*Moved Cr Olds/Seconded Bleakley*) Carried

6.3 Income and Expenditure Report

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2017/82) to receive the Income and Expenditure Report for the 1 July 2017 – 31 October 2017.

(*Moved Cr Olds/Seconded Bleakley*) Carried

6.4 Applications for Financial Assistance.

The Community Board agreed that speaking to an application was not required and applicants would need to make a request to speak during the public forum if they wished to address members.

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2017/83):

1. To receive the Applications for Financial Assistance Report.
2. To set the 13 March 2018, 17 July 2018 and 20 November 2018 as the dates that the Featherston Community Board would consider financial assistance applications.
3. To decline the application from Alexander Cox as it did not meet the criteria.
(*Moved West/Seconded Ramsden*) Carried
4. To grant PK Events Karen Coltman \$185 to fund the cost of the hall hire for a family concert on the proviso the event was an alcohol free event.
(*Moved Bleakley/Seconded Cr Harwood*) Carried
5. To grant Featherston Community Centre \$500 to help with the costs associated with an anticipated financial shortfall for running the community facility.
(*Moved West/Seconded Bleakley*) Carried
6. Action 684: Prepare communications to alert the public to financial assistance timings and expectations; R Ramsden

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6.5 Cross Creek Railway – Proposed Mini Putt Golf Development Adjacent to Engine Shed

Members discussed the need for the Cross Creek Railway project fencing needing to meet safety guidelines.

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2017/84):

1. To receive the Cross Creek Railway Project Report.
2. To approve in principle the proposed mini putt golf development by Cross Creek Railway adjacent to their engine shed.

(Moved West/Seconded Cr Olds)

Carried

6.6 Wind Sculpture Triangle Clifford Square Park Bench

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2017/85):

1. To receive the Wind Sculpture Triangle Clifford Square Park Bench Report.
2. To agree in principle to a park bench being located in the wind sculpture triangle section of Clifford Square in the general location of one of the two places marked in the appendix of the report.

(Moved West/Seconded Cr Harwood)

Carried

(Moved Cr Olds/Seconded Bleakley)

Carried

6.7 Naming of New Road, Wharekauhau Country Estate, Wharekauhau Road, Featherston

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2017/86):

1. To receive the Naming of New Road, Wharekauhau Country Estate, Wharekauhau Road, Featherston Report.
2. To support the use of the name “Black Knight Lane” and “Top Stone Lane”.

(Moved West/Seconded Cr Harwood)

Carried

Claire Bleakley abstained

7. NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no notices of motion.

8. CHAIRPERSONS REPORT

8.1 Workshop Report

Members discussed provision of dog agility equipment in the Featherston Dog Park, the need for directional signage for the Featherston public toilet and including workshop notes in the formal Board agenda.

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8.2 Draft Strategic Plan

FCB NOTED:

1. Action 685: Update FCB members on when the picket fence in front of Featherston Library will be painted noting the Board suggest that sponsorship for paint is abandoned in favour of the purchase of paint if sponsorship cannot be secured in a timely manner. In tandem contact Alan Maxwell to organise a time for youth to proceed with the work; M Allingham
2. Action 686: Organise for the Featherston gazebo on Cherry Blossom Square to be painted; M Allingham
3. Action 687: Discuss the Featherston draft Strategic Plan in a workshop and make changes as required; B West

9. MEMBER REPORTS (INFORMATION)

9.1 Wairarapa Library Service

Mrs Ramsden discussed key issues from the Wairarapa Library Service Working Group meeting with members noting that the Working Group had undertaken to write to social service providers who were organising meetings in the libraries and ask them halt this practice due to limited space.

9.2 Featherston Community Facebook Page

Members noted the report as submitted.

9.3 Featherston Information Centre

Mrs Ramsden undertook to keep working with the Information Centre to produce a Memorandum of Understanding.

9.4 Long Term Plan

Mrs Bleakley spoke to the report as circulated noting that sector group reports were available if members wanted to review them.

9.5 Armistice Day

Mayor Napier had met with community groups regarding Armistice Day celebrations for 2018 and requested Community Board involvement in celebrations.

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2017/87):

1. To receive Members' Reports
(*Moved Ramsden/Seconded West*) Carried
2. Action 688: Forward Paul Crimp a copy of the Wairarapa Library Service Working Group letter sent to social service providers so a letter can also be sent by Council; R Ramsden

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10. CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 Inwards

From Danielle Sargent, Featherston Amateur Wrestling Club, to Featherston Community Board, dated 6 Nov 2017

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2017/88):

1. To receive the inwards correspondence.
(*Moved West/Seconded Cr Harwood*) Carried
2. Action 689: Acknowledge the letter to the Featherston Community Board from Nim Grewal; P Crimp
3. Action 690: Acknowledge the letter from Featherston Amateur Wrestling Club advising that more information is required so a letter of support can be provided and suggest that contact with the FCB chair is made; P Crimp

PUBLIC EXCLUDED BUSINESS

FCB RESOLVED (DC2017/89): That the public be excluded from the following part of the meeting.

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

Report/General Subject Matter	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to the matter	Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of this Resolution
Payment of Grant for 2016 Featherston Christmas Parade	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7(2)(a)	Section 48(1)(a)

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

Reason for passing this resolution in relation to the matter	Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of this Resolution
a) protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons	Section 7(2)(a)

(*Moved Bleakley/Seconded Ramsden*)

Carried

FCB RESOLVED (DC2017/90) to move out of the public excluded section of the meeting.

(*Moved West/Seconded Bleakley*)

Carried

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.....**Chairperson**

.....**Date**

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